

REMARKS

Claims 40-74 are currently pending in this application. Claims 40, 42, 44, 63, 65, and 71 are amended. The specification and the abstract are also amended. Formal drawings are submitted herein. No new matter is presented. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for indicating that claims 41, 49-60, 62, and 67-74 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the favorable consideration and allowance of claims 40-74.

The drawings are objected for being illegible. Formal drawings are submitted in view of the Examiner's comments. Therefore, Applicants request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to for containing informalities. The Abstract and the specification is amended to overcome the cited objections. In view of the these amendments, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claim 1 is objected to for containing an informality. Claim 1 has been cancelled. However, claim 40 which also contains the cited informality has been amended. Therefore, Applicants

Claims 42, 44, 63, and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 42, 44, 63, and 71 are amended to more clearly recite the features of the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 42, 44, 63, and 71 under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claims 40, 42-44, and 63-65 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Abba et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,735,933). The Examiner takes the position that Abba teaches or suggests all the features recited in claims 40, 42-44, and 63-65. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Abba is directed to a method of controlling twisting in ribbon material fed from a coil of ribbon material into a processing machine. The coil has a central axis perpendicular to a plane of the coil. The method includes pulling ribbon material from the coil in a direction having a twist-promoting axial component relative to the plane of the coil and continuously rotating the coil during the pulling step at a rotational speed greater than zero so that a number of twists in the unwound ribbon are maintained below a predetermined number.

It is respectfully submitted that Abba fails to teach or suggest all the features recited in claims 40 and 65. Specifically, Abba fails to teach or suggest a rotatable pair of

cylinders that is arranged on a rotating device fixed on a frame. It should be noted that Abba does not disclose any type of frame, therefore, Abba clearly does not disclose the feature of a rotatable pair of cylinders arranged on a rotating device fixed on a frame.

Abba also fails to teach or suggest a rotatable pair of cylinders that are respectively arranged between two stationary pairs of cylinders. In contrast to the teachings of the claimed invention, Abba merely discloses two rotatable nips 61, 62 and one stationary nip 62 positioned behind nip 62. Thus, it is submitted that this arrangement provided in Abba is not the same or equivalent to the feature of a rotatable pair of cylinders that are respectively arranged between two stationary pairs of cylinders.

Finally, with regard to claim 65, it is submitted that Abba fails to teach or suggest a rotatable pair of cylinders that are arranged on a rotating device fixed on a frame and causes the material web to be turned by 180 about its longitudinal axis such that the underside of the material web once again correctly points downward, wherein the cylinders of the at least one stationary pair of cylinders and of the rotatable pair of cylinders can be moved into an open position and a closed position.

In view of these distinctions, it is submitted that Abba fails to teach or suggest all the features recited in claim 40. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 40 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claims 42-44, and 63-65 are dependent upon claim 40. It is submitted that these claims recite patentable subject matter for at least the reasons mentioned above. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 42-44 and 63-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claims 45-48, 61, and 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abba in view of Kranich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,065,948). The Examiner takes the position that the combination of Abba and Kranich teach or suggest all the features recited in claims 45-48, 61, and 66. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Kranich discloses an apparatus for detecting and eliminating a twister in a running web of flexible material. The apparatus includes a catch section for twisters, a rotor, a scanner arrangement for detection of a twister that has entered a catch section and a control unit, which upon detection of a twister by the scanner triggers the drive of the rotor for untwisting the twister.

It is respectfully submitted that Kranich does not cure the deficiencies of Abba. Specifically, the cited references fail to teach or suggest a rotatable pair of cylinders that


are arranged on a rotating device fixed on a frame. These references also fail to teach or suggest a rotatable pair cylinders that is respectively arranged between two stationary pairs of cylinders. Kranich merely discloses gaps 6 and 7, which does not cure the deficiency of Abba. Thus, since neither reference discloses the frame and a movable pair of cylinders, it is submitted that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention.

Moreover, claims 45-48, and 61 are dependent upon claim 40. It is submitted that for at least the reasons mentioned above, claims 45-48 and 61 recite patentable subject matter. With regard to claim 66, which is dependent upon claim 65, it is submitted that the cited references fail to teach or suggest that the cylinders of the at least on stationary pair of cylinders and of the rotatable pair of cylinders can be moved into an open position and a closed position.

Thus, in view of the above distinctions, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 45-48, 61, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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